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Note verbale dated 2 January 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and has the honour to forward hereby a response of the Croatian Government regarding the measures contained in Security Council resolution 1390 (2002) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 2 January 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Committee

Report of the Republic of Croatia on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1390 (2002)

In accordance with resolutions 1267 (1999), 1333 (2000) and 1390 (2002) adopted by the Security Council on 16 January 2002, and in particular, paragraphs 2, 6 and 8, the Government of the Republic of Croatia has taken the following steps:

All the competent authorities in Croatia have been informed:

(a) To freeze without delay the funds and other financial assets or economic resources of individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, as referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000) including funds derived from property owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by them or by persons acting on their behalf or at their direction, and ensure that neither these nor any other funds, financial assets or economic resources are made available, directly or indirectly, for such persons' benefit, by Croatian nationals or by any persons within Croatian territory;

(b) To prevent the entry into or the transit through Croatian territory of these individuals, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall oblige Croatia to deny entry into or require the departure from Croatian territory of Croatian citizens and this paragraph shall not apply where entry or transit is necessary for the fulfilment of a judicial process or the Committee determines on a case-by-case basis only that entry or transit is justified;

(c) To prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale and transfer, to these individuals, groups, undertakings and entities from their territories or by Croatian citizens outside Croatian territory, or using the Croatian flag vessels or aircraft, of arms and related material of all types including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned and technical advice assistance, or training related to military activities.

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the guidelines of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the Republic of Croatia on 24 December 2001 submitted to the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee a report on concrete measures and legislative procedures the Republic of Croatia has been implementing in the fight against terrorism (S/2001/1271).

The Anti-Money-Laundering Department requested the Ministry of the Interior, the State Prosecutor and the Croatian National Bank additionally to examine their files and identify potential physical and legal persons as referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000).

The Tax Department conducted a search of its databases for all purchases and sales of real estate, tangible and intangible property, as well as financial transactions of humanitarian organizations and associations connected to physical and legal persons as referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000).

The Customs Department searched its database for illicit transfers of cash over the State border pertaining to physical and legal persons as referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000). It also strengthened the overall control of traffic of goods across the border, particularly the transfer of money.

The Division of Foreign Exchange Inspectorate searched its database looking for transactions made by physical and legal persons as referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000).

Until today, no financial assets or economic resource of the individuals, groups, undertakings and entities referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000) have been found in Croatia.

However, any relevant information such as types of assets frozen, account numbers and monetary value of frozen assets of the individuals, groups, undertakings and entities referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000) in Croatia shall be promptly indicated to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999).

To date, Croatian authorities have identified no terrorist groups or individuals that attempted to enter or transit the country. Likewise, no attempt to supply, sell or transfer weapons and military equipment or to provide military training for terrorist groups or individuals which would refer to Security Council resolution 1390 (2002) has been identified.